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BUENOS AIRES FOR DEA

SUMMARY: ARRESTS AND SEIZURES CONTINUED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY WITH ALL THREE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TAKING AN ACTIVE PART. DAS ESPECIALLY DEMONSTRATED INITIATIVE AND RESOURCEFULNESS IN DESTROYING FIRST REPORTED MAJOR COCA PLANTATION. CUSTOMS ALSO MADE IMPORTANT SEIZURES OF COCAINE FROM BRITISH REGISTERED SHIP IN COASTAL WATERS. NEWS MEDIA CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC AWARENESS OF NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES OF GOC WITH FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE OF NATIONAL NARCOTICS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN LEADING NEWSPAPERS. END SUMMARY

1. IN ONE MAJOR CASE, THE NATIONAL POLICE IN A BILATERAL OPERATION WITH DEA SEIZED APPROXIMATELY THREE KILOS OF COCAINE, FIVE KILOS OF PROCAINE, DESTROYED ONE LABORATORY AND ARRESTED THREE DEFENDANTS. BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED
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BY DEA, THE NATIONAL POLICE ALSO ARRESTED A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL

TRAFFICKER.

2. IN A COMBINED EFFORT BETWEEN DAS, THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE IN AN OPERATION CONDUCTED IN THE LLANOS (META DEPARTMENT). DAS REPORTED THE DESTRUCTION OF 27,500 COCA PLANTS, DESTRUCTION OF A COCAINE LABORATORY AND THE ARREST OF SIX DEFENDANTS. DAS COOPERATION WITH DEA IN EXPELLING INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKERS WAS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED BY THE EXPULSION OF FUGITIVE CARLOS RAMIREZ VARGAS TO THE US ON FEB 7.

3. CUSTOMS IMPLEMENTED ITS ACTION PLAN AND IS PRESENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING PERSONNEL FOR THE 52-MAN NATIONAL NARCOTICS DEPARTMENT. IN A UNILATERAL OPERATION, CUSTOMS SEIZED FIVE KILOS OF COCAINE CONCEALED IN A CARGO OF BANANAS DESTINED FOR MIAMI ABOARD A BRITISH FLAG VESSEL.

4. IN BOTH UNILATERAL AND BILATERAL OPERATIONS, THE THREE GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SEIZED A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOS OF COCAINE DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.
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